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LINTON  
DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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~~Society, Missouri~~

CONSTITUTION

—AND—

BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

LINTON DISTRICT

**Medical Society,**

OF THE

STATE OF MISSOURI.

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE LINTON DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

## ARTICLE I.—TITLE.

This Society shall be called "THE LINTON DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY," and shall comprise the counties of Warren, Montgomery, Lincoln, St. Charles, Pike, Audrain, Callaway, Boone and Randolph.

## ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be to constitute a representative body of the regular medical profession of the District which may advance the interests and encourage the unity and harmonious action of the entire profession throughout the District, to suppress empiricism as much as practicable; to restrict the practice of medicine to regularly qualified graduates; to develop talent, stimulate medical inventions and discoveries, and to maintain our rights and immunities as medical men.

## ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

The members of this Society shall consist of four classes to-wit: 1st, Associate Members; 2d, Delegates; 3d, Honorary Members; 4th, Members by invitation.

## ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

## ARTICLE V.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees composed of three members each, and of whom the first named is chairman shall be appointed by the President at each annual meeting, to-wit:

- 1st. A committee on credentials.
- 2d. A committee on scientific communications.
- 3d. A committee on medical education.
- 4th. A committee on medical ethics.
- 5th. A committee on publication.
- 6th. A committee of arrangements.

## ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made except at a regular meeting next subsequent to that at which such alteration or amendment may have been proposed, and then only with the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

# BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.—MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Associate Members—Shall be graduates of some regular medical college and who shall conform to the requirements of the American Medical Association, sign the constitution and pay the hereinafter required fee.

SEC. 2. Delegate Members—Shall be properly accredited physicians from local societies within the district.

SEC. 3. Honorary Members—May be elected at any regular meeting by a unanimous vote of the Society, the number not to exceed six at any one time. Every member who may have been or may hereafter be, elected President of this Society, will by virtue of that fact become an honorary member. Otherwise, only non-residents of the District shall be eligible to honorary membership.



SEC. 4. Members by Invitation—Shall be reputable practitioners who may be deemed worthy of the compliment, and elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SEC. 5. Any physician after having been admitted as a member of this Society shall retain his membership by the payment of an annual fee of two dollars at each annual meeting as long as he is in good standing in his profession.

SEC. 6. All classes of members shall be entitled to equal privileges in the discussions of the Society.

SEC. 7. Honorary members who are non-residents of the District, and members by invitation shall not be eligible to office nor be allowed to vote, nor be expected to contribute to the funds of the Society.

#### ARTICLE II.—ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. Officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting, a majority vote of the members present electing.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting is defined to be the April meeting of each year.

#### ARTICLE III.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at the meetings preserve order, countersign all orders on the Treasurer, deliver an annual address to the Society upon retiring from office, and perform all other duties that parliamentary usage may require.

SEC. 2. The Vice Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President and in the order of their seniority.

SEC. 3. The recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings, shall serve as chairman of the Committee on Publication, and preserve the archives and unpublished transactions of the Society. He shall keep a list of all the members of the Society, so

that at any regular meeting when the roll is called if it be ascertained that any member has died, the President may appoint some suitable person to prepare a biographical sketch of said deceased member, which shall be read at the next meeting of the Society. He shall conduct all business communications of the Society, draw all warrants on the Treasurer, and perform such other duties of his office as the Society may direct.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge and management of all funds and other property of the Society, and hold them subject to its disposal. At each annual meeting he shall present a written report, setting forth the amount of moneys received and disbursed, and for what purposes. At the expiration of or on vacating his office he shall deliver to his successor all moneys and other property belonging to the Society. He shall file a bond with the Recording Secretary on or before assuming his duties, equal in amount to the liabilities of his office, endorsed by two securities and approved by the President.

#### ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held semi-annually at any place within the District that may have been selected by a majority vote and shall commence on the first Tuesday in April and November.

#### ARTICLE V.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The committee on credentials shall examine and report upon the credentials of applicants for membership.

SEC. 2. The committee on scientific communications shall have charge of all scientific communications made to the Society. They shall receive from members such papers and arrange the order of their reading before the Society, and perform such other duties as will



best secure interesting original communications upon scientific subjects connected with medicine.

SEC. 3. The committee on medical education shall prepare, and present at each annual meeting a report on the general status of medical education, with such other matters as they may deem worthy of special consideration in reference to medical education and the reputable standing of the profession within the District.

SEC. 4. The committee on medical ethics shall take cognizance of, and report upon, any matter relating to their department.

SEC. 5. The committee on publication shall prepare for the press, publish and distribute such of the proceedings, transactions and memoirs of the Society as may from time to time be ordered by the Society.

SEC. 6. The committee on arrangements shall provide suitable accommodations for the meetings of the Society and shall take all proper measures to secure the attendance of members by publication or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE VI.—DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. Any violation of the laws or code of ethics adopted by the Society shall subject the member so violating to such penalty as a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance may prescribe.

SEC. 2. The code of ethics of the American Medical Association is hereby adopted by the Society, and shall have the full force and effect of any article of this constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—FUNDS.

SEC. 1. The funds of the Society shall be raised by an annual assessment of two dollars on each member and by individual voluntary contributions.

SEC. 2. The funds thus raised may be appropriated for defraying the necessary expenses of the meetings, for publishing the proceedings,

memoirs and transactions of the Society, and for such other purposes as the Society may from time to time direct.

SEC. 3. Every member shall be entitled to a copy of all publications of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made except at a regular meeting of the Society, and by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### ARTICLE IX—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business is adopted and shall have the full force and effect of a by-law, except when temporarily suspended.

- 1st. Organization of the meeting.
- 2d. Reading of the minutes.
- 3d. Calling of the roll.
- 4th. Reception of new members.
- 5th. Reports of committees.
- 6th. Election of officers.
- 7th. Reading and discussion of papers.
- 8th. Voluntary scientific papers.
- 9th. Motions and resolutions.
- 10th. Miscellaneous business.
- 11th. President's annual address.
- 12th. Adjournment.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

##### ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. At every regular meeting the President shall select ten members to prepare and read each a paper, at the next succeeding regular meeting, upon such subject connected with medicine as may be assigned to him by the President, two of which papers may, upon a majority vote (ballot) be selected as specially worthy of publication, and shall be so published with the minutes of the meeting.

SEC. 2. The reading of any one paper shall not consume more than twenty-five minutes' time, and the subsequent discussion upon each paper shall be limited to thirty-five minutes.



